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To whom this may concern:

I am a System Administrator and am appalled by the Settlement against Microsoft. Even today, MicroSoft is still trying to impose and force Windows products on all users (this is evident in their latest OS's in their implementation of MIT's Kerberos and LDAP). In today's "Hell'ter Skelter" world of terrorism, it is more imperative that Corporate America be able to secure their computer systems to the highest degree. Kerberos is one product that allows that higher security needed today regardless of the platform. MicroSoft has once again embedded a standard into their OS, but doing what they know best, and that is disabling it from working with the true standard. As soon as someone devised a solution to higher security along with a means where Windows and Unix machines could talk between each other and maintain common user ID's and Passwords, Microsoft has to block it and once again making it impossible for users to have both Microsoft and Unix products together (or impose Microsoft's solutions to enable it to work).

Every Computer Professional in the US is tuned into the issue with MicroSoft's Monopoly case, of which we are broken into 2 groups. One who only uses MicroSoft products and is ignorant to their practices. And the other who use both types of platforms. As myself, I work for Lockheed Martin, which contracts to the Government, and due to reliability and security reasons we are required to use Unix on certain applications. MicroSoft continuously makes my job harder day to day. If Microsoft is allowed to continue practicing these methods where one day everyone gets fed-up and moves to Microsoft, thus allowing a tremendous hole in our Corporate America and National Security.

As it is Microsoft products are known to be very buggy. Microsoft needs to concentrate on improving the reliability of their current products before attempting to mess-up others with reliable products in an attempt to block others from making a buck.

I pray that regardless of what Microsoft may throw your way to muddy up the water, you will stay true to what is best for this Nation. Personnel opinion is Microsoft should be split where they could focus on Operating Systems only thereby improving the product for all customers.

Sincerely,
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